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Dear Sir:-

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of December 11th regarding the action of the Bank of Montreal, the Royal Bank of Canada, and the Canadian Pacific Railway in each giving one quarter of a million dollars to the McGill Campaign Fund, and can only say that in my opinion these institutions have never done anything less deserving of censure.

I believe that no institution in Canada can render better assistance to the cause of industrial reconstruction and social reform, and of democracy than the University. Economically, or in terms of industry; intellectually, or in terms of education; politically, or in terms of Government; and spiritually, or in terms of the ideal, the Universities, if they are doing their work well and properly, must remain powerful factors for good.

Within the space of a single letter it is impossible for me to go into this matter thoroughly, but let me refer briefly to one thing:

Canada has a debt to-day of \$2,000,000,000 and this is something which affects you and me personally, because we both pay taxes. To pay off this debt and so lighten the burden of taxation, we must call upon Nature to produce more rapidly and more continuously. You know that the greatest industry in Canada to-day is farming. I believe the farms of Canada can easily produce from 50 50 100 percent. more if the knowledge of the scientist is brought to bear. You know that our farms are not farmed, as a whole, scientifically. If farmers understood the qualities of the soil and the kind of fertilizer which the soil needs the products of the farm would increase very